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Application of Mark J. Beitz, et al. Art Unit 1772
Serial No. 10/039,238
Filed December 31, 2001
Confirmation No. 7291
For USABLE SPLICE FOR A STABILIZED ABSORBENT AND METHOD FOR
MAKING THE SPLICE

March 18, 2002

**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application," dated February 7, 2002, * enclosed is applicants' signed Declaration and Power of Attorney in the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is * returned herewith.

* Also enclosed is a check in payment of the filing fee, additional claim fee, and surcharge.

An assignment by the inventor(s) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is being mailed today.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Donald W. Tuegel".

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/039,238	12/31/2001	Mark J. Beitz	KCC 4809

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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$102.
 - \$18 for 1 total claims over 20.
 - \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 972.

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02 FC:103	18.00 OP
03 FC:102	84.00 OP
04 FC:105	130.00 OP

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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Attorney Docket Number KCC 4809

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
- Applicant claims small entity status.

2. Check Enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE Subtotal (1) \$ 740.00
(Type: _____)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES Subtotal (2) \$ 102.00
Total Claims 21
Independent Claims 4
Multiple Dependent Claims _____

3. ADDITIONAL FEES Subtotal (3) \$ 130.00
 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
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 Extension for reply within _____ month
 Notice of Appeal
 Filing a Brief in Support of an appeal
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 Petitions to the Commissioner
 Submission of Information Disclosure Statement
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$ 972.00

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